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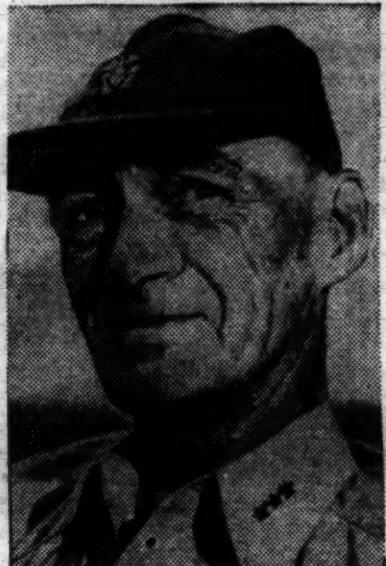
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YANKS K.O. 38 TOKIO SHIPS OFF BONINS



Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, whose Pacific Fleet and Naval arm scored a tremendous two-day victory 530 miles from Japan itself.



Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the famed task force which is believed to have struck the devastating blow at Bonin

Bag 8 Warships in Great 2-Day Victory, We Lose Only 19 Men

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 6 (UP).

—United States planes and warships, in one of the greatest air-naval triumphs of the Pacific war, sank or damaged more than 38 Japanese vessels, including eight warships, during a thundering two-day assault on the Bonin and Volcano islands that carried the American attackers within 530 miles of the Japanese mainland, it was announced today.

In addition, the Americans sent nine barges to the bottom and sank or damaged an unspecified number of other craft, making the total number of ships bagged secondly only to the record chalked up in a task force attack on Palau and other islands in March of this year.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that the assaults were made Thursday and Friday and that carrier-based planes and warships ranged the entire 230-mile length of the chain of islands which start at a point 530 miles south of the Japanese mainland and 575 miles below Tokio. A war bulletin announced that the Americans "virtually wiped out" an entire Japanese convoy and also raided airfields, towns and ground installations on the threshold of Japan.

Listed as sunk were 13 ships, including three destroyers or destroyer escorts and an unidentified escort warship, while 19 ships were damaged. Possibly sunk were a light cruiser and five smaller vessels.

The U. S. ships were from a "fast carrier task force," possibly Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's famed Task Force 58 which has been ranging the Pacific at will in an attempt to draw the shadowy Japanese fleet into action. The last task force attack on the Bonins, a chain of 27 islands, and the three-island Volcano group to the south, was made on July 3-4 and they also have been battered steadily by American warplanes during recent months.

WE LOSE 16 PLANES

The audacious assault which brought the United States its greatest naval victory so close to Japan itself cost us 16 planes and 19 flight personnel. We shot down six Japanese planes in air battles during assaults on the islands, and destroyed seven on ground and damaged five on airfields.

While some planes and warships were hammering the convoy, others ranged against the islands themselves. Surface ships pumped hundreds of shells into shipping and shore facilities on the island of Chichi, in the northwestern Bonins, and "destroyed" Omura town on the west coast of Chichi, Nimitz announced.

The Yanks also hammered ground installations on Muko, northernmost of the Bonins; Ani, Haha and Iwo. The six Japanese planes were shot down over Iwo and six others were bagged on the ground there and five were damaged. The other Japanese plane destroyed aground was at Chichi.

Nimitz announced that in the attack on the convoy Thursday, American planes sank four cargo ships of approximately 4,000 tons each; three escorting destroyers or destroyer escorts and four barges. The planes damaged a cargo vessel and "the balance of the escorting warships."

Meanwhile, American warships sank a large destroyer, a cargo ship, a small oiler and several barges and damaged an escort vessel which escaped.

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Philadelphia Transit Beginning to Move; TWU Hails FDR for Swift Action in Strike

By HARRY RAYMOND

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The rapid transit lines began coming to life slowly here today as a foot-sore population looked forward to midnight, deadline set by Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes for an end of the six-day "white supremacy" strike.

Troops—estimated to total more than 5,000—were in control of every strategic transportation center by 1 a.m. Agitators, who had been calling on street car, subway and bus operators to refuse to work if Negroes were given equality with whites on the lines, were barred from company property by helmeted soldiers armed with carbines.

With intimidation by leaders of the disturbance checked and the general's ultimatum that those who continue to strike after midnight will be barred from all industrial employment for duration of the war fresh in the minds of all, transit operators began climbing aboard their vehicles. Each street car, subway car and bus that went back on its route today carried two armed troopers besides the regular civilian operators.

INSTIGATOR ARRESTED

Meanwhile, James McMenamin, chief instigator of the Jimcrow demonstration, and his lieutenants Frank P. Carney, William C. Dixie (also known as Dixon) and Frank Compton were seized on federal warrants and hustled off to Moyamensing Prison, charged by U. S. District Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson with violation of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law. The four were in jail all night. They were released today on \$2,500 bond each and are awaiting hearing on the charge.

It was estimated during the afternoon that 210 out of the city's 1,932 trolleys were operating. Seventy out of 564 buses and ten out of 77 elevated and subway trains were running during the afternoon.

No soldiers were driving street cars, buses or trolleys. Their job so far has been to guard them. Several soldiers, however, were making practice runs with passengerless buses and were preparing to operate the lines themselves if necessary.

NEGRO JOBS PROTESTED

First men to return to work were loyal supporters of the Transport Workers Union who had opposed the reactionary strike from the beginning, but feared to work without protection against hoodlum leaders of the shut down.

One thing made clear by the army commander is that the eight Negro trainees for the job of operator will return to work. It was to force firing of these Negroes that the McMenamin gang instigated the walk out.

The stoppage actually cut deep into the city's heretofore good war production record. Army and Navy officials estimated it caused loss of 5,000,000 man hours—or 25 percent of the working time of Philadelphia war workers.

This 5,000,000 man hours would have produced five destroyers, or 267 Flying Fortresses, or 17 Liberty ships, or 200 motor torpedo boats, or one fast cruiser, or 9 destroyer escort vessels, or 111 large land landing ships, or 41,866 .50 caliber guns, or 833,000 garand rifles.

Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, in his order, declared the PTC employees could take their choice of three things—return to work, serve in the armed forces or be deprived of their jobs for the duration of the

"For two days," the Maj. Gen. said in his order, "I have been waiting for the employees of the PTC to fulfill their patriotic obligations by returning to their jobs and restoring vital transportation service for the hundreds of thousands of war workers in this city.

"It is no longer possible to achieve that desire. The war cannot wait while the employees of this company make up their minds whether they will come back to work or not."



Trolley operator James Alloway takes a fare from the first passenger to board his car, soon after the Army took control of the strike-bound Philadelphia transit lines. Patriotic workers like Alloway who needed the government's back-to-work order were being threatened by the anti-Negro strike inciters, leaders of whom were arrested yesterday by the government for hamstringing war production.

TWU Hails FDR Action, Pledges Phila. Cleanup

By WALTER LOWENFELS

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Leaders of the Transport Workers Union today thanked President Roosevelt for his swift action in ordering the Army out to suppress the Philadelphia transit conspiracy.

Meeting in the Broadwood Hotel, 400 CIO shop stewards, executive board members, and leading representatives of the 8,600 transit workers, repeated charges of company complicity in the plot made Saturday by their President, Michael Quill.

Unanimously pledged full support to the President and the Department of Justice investigation. And they asked that the investigation begin with the role of the PTC management in the conspiracy.

[The text of the TWU pledge to the President appears on the back page.]

President Quill, who received an ovation, told the audience:

"We have the ball in our hands. We will keep it till fascism is destroyed. Next week Dr. Mitten will sign the contract we negotiated.

"A house cleansing is coming in Philadelphia next week when the Grand Jury meets. The cockroaches must be cleaned out. First, Orville Bullitt. He should not be permitted at large while the war is on. He attempted to do the dirty work of the fascists through his government agency.

"The Philadelphia police are next. The bums who guzzled the strikers should have their uniforms removed.

"Mayor Samuels should be brought to account for his lack of action.

"The four fascist dupes should be next. The company is responsible for the strike. They must pay for the week's wages lost by the loyal workers, all the transport workers have the job of convincing the

country that they did not stab our

fighting country in the back."

The Transport Workers Union is for equality. They will defend the Negroes' right to work, and protect the seniority of both Negro and white, Quill pledged.

"We will prove to the people of America that the United States government and the labor movement are one for victory," he said.

James Fitzsimon, international vice-president said: "This was a fascist revolt against the government of the United States. The strike leaders were the spearhead, the company was behind them.

Orville Bullitt, regional head of the War Labor Board, set out to smash the TWU. We got calls from Bullitt. He wanted us to compromise our collective bargaining rights. He is the only head of a war agency who not only saw the so-called strike committee. He met with them and gave them advice and help."

Ferdinand Myers, international vice-president, NNU: "The soldiers who are in Philadelphia are not here as strike breakers. This is a peoples army to stop the insurrection, the inspiration for the plot comes from people like John L. Lewis, and his District 50, and the Pew family.

These groups are anti-Negro, anti-white, anti-Catholic, anti-Protestant, anti-Jewish—it just depends with whom they are talking."

Douglas MacMahon, secretary-treasurer, TWU: "Mr. Mitten and the Mitten management deliberately started this conspiracy and executed it through their stooges. We demand they be put behind bars and kept there."

PAC Denounces Lie By Political Enemies

The CIO Political Action Committee, meeting yesterday at the Hotel Commodore, disavowed "unprincipled" charges by its enemies that it seeks to capture the Democratic Party or the Congress.

The committee, through Sidney Hillman, chairman, reiterated its announced purposes of urging mass registration of all eligible voters, to assure the right of franchise for those in the armed forces and the merchant marine, to mobilize support behind President Roosevelt and to help elect a progressive Congress "that will assure the prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion and the forging of an enduring peace."

Among those present at yesterday's meeting of the CIO Political Action Committee, beside Mr. Hillman, were Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; James Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer; Emil Rieve, president, Textile Workers Union of America; C. B. Baldwin, assistant chairman, CIO Political Committee, and John Abt and Lee Pressman, co-counsel of the CIO political committee.

Yesterday's CIO Political Action Committee followed the session Saturday of the newly formed National Citizens' Political Action Committee, also headed by Mr. Hillman.

DENOUNCES CHARGES

The CIO Political Action statement follows:

"A little over one year ago, the CIO Political Action Committee was first organized. During this period, it has maintained a consistent course.

"We have endeavored to impress the membership of the CIO and all other progressive and win-the-war groups with the importance and imperative need of uniting our efforts in support of a simple program.

"(a) To achieve the mass registration of all eligible voters and to assure the right of franchise for those in the armed forces and the merchant marine, to participate in the decisive November elections.

"(b) To mobilize the undivided support of the nation behind our Commander-in-Chief.

"(c) To elect a progressive Con-

gress that will assure the prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion and the forging of an enduring peace.

"Recent events have shown that these objectives reflected the aspirations of the American people. The citizens of a number of Congressional districts and states have retired from public life those who have notoriously fought the efforts of the Commander-in-Chief to achieve a total mobilization of our war effort and to forge a unity in war and peace of the United Nations.

"The Democratic National Convention has nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for President and Harry Truman for Vice President on a platform that is dedicated to (1) winning the war as quickly as possible, (2) establishing a firm peace and (3) providing jobs, full employment for all.

"These results cannot be attributed to any one organization such as the Political Action Committee but are due to the desires of the majority of the American people and the work of other groups as well who understand that the winning of the war and the support for the President are the decisive things in these elections.

"The enemies of President Roosevelt and of the war effort have unleashed the most unprincipled attack against the CIO Political Action Committee. Though at first, the reactionary forces endeavored to dismiss our organization as a laughing matter, they now endeavor to divide the unity of the pro-Roosevelt forces with the distorted accusation that the PAC seeks to capture the Democratic Party and Congress.

"We take this opportunity to state that we are not out to capture or dominate any organization or Congress but that we determine in cooperation with other groups with similar objectives to weld the greatest unity and support behind our Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman."

Urge Probe of Phila. Strike Ringleaders

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Arthur Huff Fauset today asked the Grand Jury to investigate what other interests besides the PTC management were behind the white supremacy plot.

Fauset is principal of the Douglas Singly School, chairman of the United Peoples Action Committee, and active leader in the campaign for upgrading Negroes.

Fauset, in praising Transport Workers Union for requesting a Grand Jury investigation of the connection between the PTC management and the strike leaders, asked:

"How is it that Station WCAU and Station WIP broadcast speeches by strike leaders? Three ringleaders now under arrest were picked up Saturday night, as they were leaving a broadcast studio. The fourth was arrested in Radio Station WCAU.

"Why did the executive board of the committee of 70 blast the CIO on Friday, and not mention a word about the strike ring leaders? (The committee of 70 is made up of bank-

ers, lawyers and manufacturers.)

"Who was supplying the 'plenty of money' which strike leader James McMenamin boasted about, as quoted in the papers?"

Japanese Crack Hengyang Defense

CHUNGKING, Aug. 6 (UP).—The Japanese have cracked the heroic defense of Hengyang, storming Chinese positions in the suburbs to batter their way deep into the heart of the blazing Hunan Province rail center where "bloody fighting" is raging in the streets, the Chinese high command admitted today.

As the fate of the isolated garrison hung in the balance, Chinese and American airmen attacked the advancing enemy relentlessly in an effort to stem the tide. Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault sent nine waves of his composite wing over the city today to bomb and strafe every enemy target in sight.

Soviets Take Main Galicia Oil Center

LONDON, Aug. 6 (UP).—Soviet troops today captured the great Galician oil refinery center of Drohobycz, cutting off Adolf Hitler's war machine from its last major source of fuel but one, and Moscow dispatches said that other Soviet forces had broken through to the Vistula River north of Warsaw, drawing a seige arc around the east bank section of Praga.

Drohobycz, in the Carpathian foothills 44 miles southeast of Przemysl, was seized by troops of the 4th Ukrainian Army under a new commander, Col. Gen. Petrov.

Its capture was announced in an Order of the Day by Marshal Joseph Stalin. Ten Soviet armies now are battling the Germans from Finland to the border of Czechoslovakia.

Drohobycz is the main city of the rich Galician oilfield region, the greatest in Galicia, and pipe lines link it with the great Boryslaw oil wells. Hitler's military machine thus lost one of the most vital sources of its life blood, and only the extensive Ploesti fields in Romania remained to meet the ever-mounting demands of the Wehrmacht.

FLANK WARSAW IN NORTH

Meanwhile, dispatches from Moscow said that Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st White Russian Army tanks and infantry had outflanked Warsaw to the north in a 12-mile smash from Cadzynin, northeast of the capital, to Jablonna, nine miles north.

Reaching the Vistula River at Jablonna, dispatches said, Rokossovsky's forces beat back weeklong enemy resistance and opened the second phase of the battle for Warsaw.

There was no immediate confirmation of this report in Soviet war bulletins, but a German High Command report tonight said that the center of fighting on the eastern front again had switched to east of Warsaw.

The failure of the Germans, who sacrificed thousands of men in the last few miles separating Rokossovsky's men from the Vistula, to prevent the Red Army breakthrough may force the Germans to withdraw from Praga and retreat across Vistula River bridges into the western half of Warsaw to avoid murderous crossfire, Moscow observes said.

Berlin again reported heavy fighting as Soviet troops reportedly battled toward Radom from bridgeheads said to have been established near Warka, 30 miles south of Warsaw.

2 More Guam Towns Taken

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—American forces on Guam captured two more towns in a two-mile advance Saturday, the Navy announced tonight.

A Pacific Fleet communique said that strong defensive positions along roads on the island's western shore were wiped out and that nine field guns and two tanks were destroyed. Several trucks bearing enemy troops were destroyed by artillery fire.

The airfield on Orote Peninsula, one of the first objectives seized, now is being used by Marine Corps planes.

Corsair fighters and Dauntless dive bombers and Catalina Search planes Friday bombed the last Japanese bases in the Marshall Islands.

Bulgaria Sounding Out Peace Terms

ANKARA, Aug. 6 (UP).—Bulgaria is sounding out the Allies through Turkey on the terms for its withdrawal from the war, demanding as its price an Allied guarantee of independence within its pre-war 1939 frontiers, it was learned reliably today.

Yanks Take Breton Port, Sweep Ahead

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Aug. 6 (UP).—Rampant American armor swept unchecked through isolated Brittany and into the heart of France today in gains up to 40 miles that sent the Germans tumbling back on Paris in their first great retreat on the Western Front.

The tank forces with the help of French Partisans captured Vannes, the first of the big Breton ports to fall. They also smashed 18 miles east of Vitre in a drive into central France and took Laval, a city of 26,000, then veered 17 miles southward to Chateau du Gontier, partly turning what was left of the German flank.

Catching the impetus of the great American gains, British troops surged across the Orne 20 miles below Caen, front reports said, and found the enemy already had withdrawn the heavy armor and artillery concentrations which for so long had guarded the direct road to Paris.

IN BREST, NANTES

Other Yank columns were reported battering through the streets of Brest and Nantes and fighting on the approaches of St. Nazaire sinking seven ships, and drove another back to port.

(A captured German U-boat sailor broadcasting over the London radio urged the submarine fleet at St. Nazaire to surrender.)

The battle for Brittany was in the mop-up stage after a lightning campaign of only six days—in contrast to the 50 days required for the conquest of the Cherbourg peninsula, a promontory only one-third the size.

NAZIS WITHDRAWING

Front reports said the Germans were beginning a general withdrawal that would forfeit all of the vast Seine-Loire triangle which has its apex at Paris and Orleans. Their retreat ranged from precipitate flight before the American vanguard swinging through the Mayenne department to an orderly withdrawal of heavy equipment behind a fierce rear-guard screen of infantrymen on the central and west sectors.

Rocket-armed Typhoon fighters, the dread of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battered Panzers, caught up with one large enemy transport column withdrawing down the Caen Road toward Falaise and eliminated it almost to the last vehicle.

A refugee who had been in Paris only 10 days ago told William A. Wilson of the United Press that the Germans had transferred all their administrative offices to Nancy near the German frontier, in anticipation of the capital soon becoming a battle zone.

The only faintly stable part of the front now ran along the Orne between the sea and Thury-Harcourt, 20 miles below Caen. From there, the front cut southwest to Vire and Mortain where German rear guards were holding up the Anglo-American advance in the center. Below Mortain, the front dropped into a scattering of isolated strongpoints which the Yanks were bypassing in their slushing advances.

By capturing Chateau du Gronier in an advance of about 40 miles in 24 hours, the Yanks advanced within 30 miles of the Loire in the Angers area and were one-third of the way to the great port of Bordeaux from the top of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Hundreds of towns had been bypassed in the sweeping armored advances and supporting columns were mopping them up at leisure. Newly captured places included La Isiniere, St. Michael and Mon Joie in the St. Poles sector between Vire and Mortain.

7-Ship Nazi Convoy Sunk Off St. Nazaire

LONDON, Aug. 6 (UP).—A patrol force of cruisers and destroyers operating off Brittany southwest of St. Nazaire destroyed a Nazi convoy of seven ships early today.



Soviet military leaders visit the Normandy front and are shown the campaign strategy on a war map by Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey in the British sector. The military mission and their host are, left to right, Col. Jorbarev, Vice-Admiral Kharlamov, Gen. Dempsey, Gen. Skylarov, and at extreme right, Maj. Gen. Vassilev.

Hitler Admits Plotters Strong

LONDON, Aug. 6 (UP).—Adolf Hitler, in another desperate back-to-the-wall speech, has appealed to highest Nazi party leaders for loyalty and admitted for the first time in direct contradiction to his earlier assertions that the plotters constituted an "unimportant clique"—that the generals who sought to overthrow him were "important through their influential positions."

The speech was reportedly delivered Friday at the conclusion of a conference of Gauleiters and other top-ranking Nazi leaders called by Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Reich plenipotentiary for the total war effort, to mobilize Nazi machinery to support his war program.

British Battle Nazis In Streets of Florence

ROME, Aug. 6 (UP).—Eighth Army troops crossed the Arno River on debris-littered Vecchio bridge into the heart of Florence today and engaged enemy troops in sharp street fighting as the Germans opened fire with 170-mm. guns—largest Nazi guns in Italy—against the art center's glistening marble buildings south of the river.

(The London radio, heard in New York, said thousands of Italian patriots, supported by Allied bombers sent by Gen. Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander at the request of the partisan commander, are waging a large-scale battle against a similar number of Fascists near Vercelli in northern Italy.)

The Allies are moving up food and medicines for the 8,000 Italians remaining in southern Florence. These civilians reported that the night before the South Africans entered the city, bands of Italian Fascists and Germans roamed from house to house, demanding all valuable under threat of wrecking the homes with grenades.

After the Eighth Army troops entered the city, two Italians shot and killed a civilian who was reported to be a Fascist.

4 Polish Liberation Leaders Get Warm Greeting in Moscow

MOSCOW, Aug. 6 (UP).—Four prominent Polish officials, including two chiefs of the Polish Committee of National Liberation, arrived today from Polish soil and received an official reception indicating the importance attached here to the committee, which already has established its headquarters in Poland.

Today's arrivals were Boleslaw Berut, president of the Polish National Council at Warsaw; Osobka Morawski, president, and Andrzej Witos, vice-president, of the newly-formed Polish Committee of National Liberation, and Col. Gen. Rola Zymierski, commander-in-chief of United Polish forces.



COL. GEN. ROLA ZYMERSKI

the Soviet General Staff; Maj. Gen. Sinilev, commander of the Moscow garrison, and Wanda Wasilewska, vice-chairman of the Provisional Polish Government.

Berut said he was happy to visit the Soviet Union "with which my country wants to be friendly forever." Morawski said that "I assure you on behalf of the Polish people and its leaders—the Polish National Council and the Polish Committee of National Liberation—that the brotherhood in arms created on the battlefield will continue for a long time and will be

the foundation for friendship between our country and the Soviet Union."

"The rallying of Polish patriots under the banner of leaders of the National Committee of Liberation is growing daily," said the political commentator of Pravda. "In the short period of its existence, the Polish Committee has turned into a decisive factor of unity for the entire Polish people, who are determined to create a strong, independent, democratic Poland."

The Pravda dispatch said that "reality" had demonstrated the isolation of the "emigre government" of Poland from its people, and that "true Polish patriots know the path to follow. This is the road to battle under the banner of the leadership of the National Committee of Liberation."

French Urge Bretons Join Allies in Battle

ALGIERS, Aug. 6 (UP).—Bretons were directed by the French Provisional Government in a broadcast today to participate in the liberation of their province "with or without arms."

Rep. Howard Smith To Be Opposed by Woman Candidate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—A revolt of democratic minded Virginians against the anti-Roosevelt Byrd forces in the Democratic Party was seen in the action here yesterday of

Mrs. Elizabeth Chilton Murray of Fairfax County who announced her candidacy as an independent Democrat against Rep. Howard Smith, a Byrd machine stooge from the Eighth Congressional District.

Mrs. Murray is the daughter of former Sen. William E. Chilton of West Virginia and comes from a family prominent for three hundred years in the Virginias.

Mrs. Murray said the "proud, democracy-loving people of our district were shocked at the disgraceful spectacle of the Virginia delegation at the national Democratic convention."

She said the Byrd-Smith machine has so stifled democracy in the Virginia Democratic Party "that the only method left for them is to cut themselves apart from the machine and elect an independent Democrat who will really represent them."

Mrs. Murray gave approval to President Roosevelt's acceptance of a fourth term mandate from the Democratic Party and the nation and remarked that Rep. Smith opposes a fourth term.

"But he sees nothing wrong," she declared, "in the fact that he himself is running for his eighth term. Mr. Smith ought to run as a reactionary Republican and cease discrediting the party by using the Democratic label. He votes reactionary Republican, he talks reactionary Republican and if he is elected he will support the reactionary Republicans."

Rule State Guard Employees Vacations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—The War Labor Board announced today that employees who attend State Guard camps may be given a two-week leave of absence with pay without prior WLB approval.

No Brotherly Love in Phila. For Clique Behind Transit Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Support for the President's action in seizing the PTC and demands for army action to end the strike were voiced yesterday by all Philadelphia newspapers, along with dozens of organizations, civic leaders, and hundreds of thousands of people walking the street.

Philadelphia Inquirer: "How long can the strikers defy their government and public opinion. It's up to the army to end this strike."

Philadelphia Bulletin: "Nobody has yet successfully defied the Army—not even Hitler and his Axis partners. . . . There is reason to believe it will do its job."

Philadelphia Record: "PTC strikers compel Uncle Sam to get tough." The Record calls for: Soldiers at car barns and on every vehicle. Arrests of strike leaders. A grand jury investigation to include those "behind the scenes."

Paul McNutt, WMCA chief, has declared there will be no relaxation of WMCA anti-discrimination rules.

James P. McGranery, Assistant to U. S. Attorney General, said:

"The United States government will not compromise one iota in the regulations of the Fair Employment Practices Committee or the U. S. Employment service requiring fair opportunities for employment

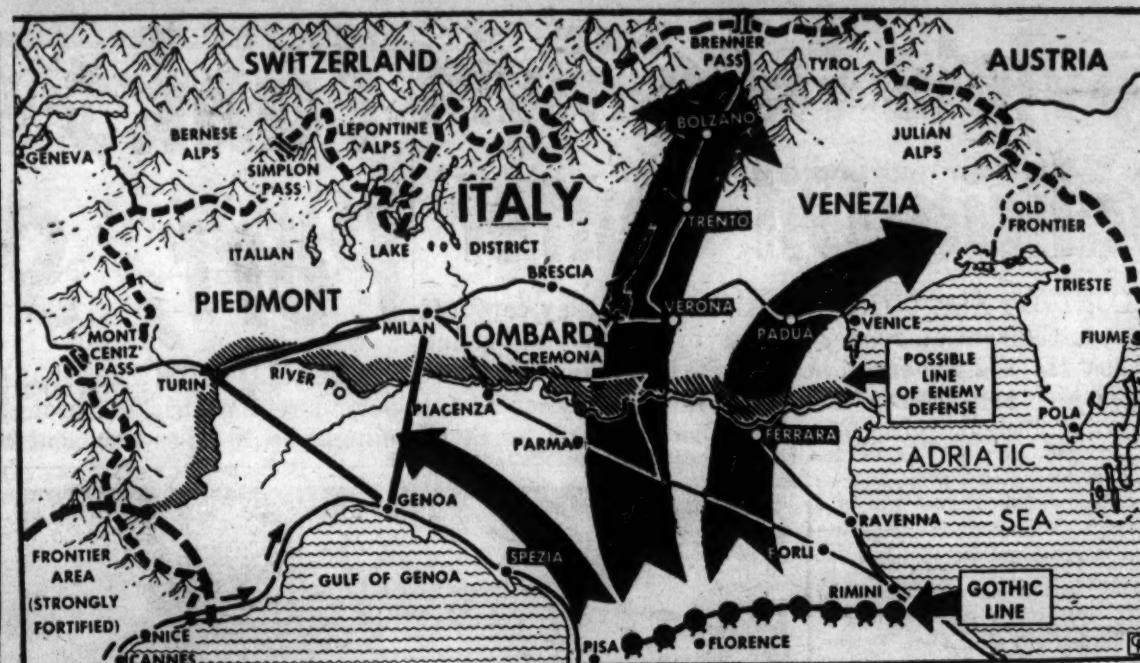
Evidence is being compiled by 30 FBI agents.

Newspaper letter columns are filled with condemnation of strikers, demanding use of troops and government prosecution. Only a few letters uphold strikers.

The junior board of commerce termed the stoppage "rank sabotage" and condemned strikers as postponing the day of victory. Dozens of other organizations issued statements denouncing the strike and asking for troops and trials. They include: The International Workers Order, Local 155, and District 1, United Electrical and Radio Workers, the United Cannery Agricultural and Packing Workers; International Fur and Leather Workers; the National Maritime Union.

The United People's Action Committee headed by Arthur Huff Fauset, along with the NAACP which was the dynamo in the campaign to upgrade Negroes on the PTC, announced a radio program and additional leaflets calling for unity.

Religious organizations who insisted that Negro workers be employed on the PTC included the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, and the Pennsylvania State Baptist Convention and numerous individual clergymen.



With the collapse of the Nazi "Gothic line" near, Allied observers had their eyes pinned to the important Po River valley, which should favor the more heavily equipped Allied armies. Its rolling country permits maneuverability by tanks and the difficult problems encountered in the mountain areas of Italy, will be absent. Capture of Milan and Mantua would throttle Nazi supply lines and open the way for drives on Genoa and Turin.

24 Leading Phila. Groups Say: Punish Traitors to War Effort

Reprinted from 3-Star edition of *The Worker*, yesterday.

By HARRY RAYMOND

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 5.—The people of this city, disgraced and bullied for five days by a lawless "white supremacy" street car strike, made stern demands today that every sinister perpetrator of the outrageous shut down be tracked down and punished as common underworld criminals and traitors.

"2—It is treason against the American war effort.

"3—It is traitorous to the fundamental principles of American liberty and the right of all men for equal opportunity to live and to earn their living without discrimination.

"4—It has made the name of Philadelphia—the birthplace of this great nation and its constitution—a laughing stock before the nation.

"5—It is unthinkable to any good American that our community will retreat before the unreasonable demands of the inciters of this strike.

"6—There are ugly un-American forces at work under the surface which must be exposed for the sake of all citizens. We back a grand jury investigation."

BRANDED TREASON

"We the citizens of Philadelphia, of all races, creed and color, call the attention of the public to these facts:

"1—The avowed purpose of the transportation strike was a violation of the principles of America and democracy for which we are fighting a bloody and costly war.

Signers of the statement were: Allied Veterans Association of Pennsylvania, American Jewish Congress, AME Church, AME Preachers Meeting, Baptists Ministers Conference, CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination, Committee on Race Relations of Society of Friends (Quakers), Dept. of Race Relations of the Federation of Churches, Fel-

lowsip Commission.

Also Fellowship House, Germantown-Chestnut Hill Ministerial Association, Inter-Racial Discussion Group, Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO, National Alliance of Postal Employees, National Association for Advancement of Colored People, National Bar Association, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Lawyers Guild, National Urban League, North Philadelphia Civic League of Penn, Baptist State Convention, Philadelphia Industrial Union Council, CIO, Phila Metropolitan Council for Equal Job Opportunity, South Phila Civic League.

LETTERS TO PRESS

Meanwhile thousands of Philadelphians proud of the city's honorable traditions, are expressing their outraged opinions and demands individually by voice and letter. They have been amazingly patient. They are both footsore and sore at Hearst, and their anger is aroused. The universal demand is for the immediate arrest of every leader of the shutdown.

—An Editorial—

Pass the Kilgore Bill

THE SENATE Military Affairs Committee has approved the Kilgore bill. This

measure, which provides for over-all planning for reconversion to civilian production and for unemployment compensation to workers displaced during the changeover from war production, is due to go before the Senate Tuesday. Its passage must be assured. A planned approach to reconversion with adequate concern for human aspects is directly linked to victory in the war and decent jobs after it. Production soldiers require it. Servicemen know their future and that of the whole country is tied to speedy and effective ac-

tion on this question. The Kilgore bill meets the need.

Significantly, in committee the Kilgore measure met solid Republican opposition. For all the GOP ranting about the urgency of reconversion legislation, Republican legislators decamp at the first adequate concrete measure. Obviously, if the bill, which has now passed the committee hurdle, is to be enacted swiftly into law, labor and all the people's organizations must make their voices heard. Diversionists will try to derail the Kilgore bill. Every Congressman must hear from his constituents to prevent that derailment. The time for action is now.

CP Leader Back In Brazilian Post

Dr. Fernando Lacerda, outstanding Brazilian Communist leader who spent eight years in exile and jail, has not only been reinstated in his position of physician for the Rio de Janeiro Health Department, but has received full back pay. Mariano Lopes, an editor of Pueblos Hispanos, Latin American weekly here, told the Daily Worker yesterday.

Although the Communist Party is banned there, Dr. Lacerda is known throughout Brazil as a Communist leader. His statement a year ago urged support of the Getulio Vargas government against the Axis

and its fifth column was published at length by Brazilian papers.

The Communist leader has already donated his large back pay check toward purchase of an airplane which will be named after a Brazilian ship sunk by Axis submarines. A similar subscription drive has just been opened by the acting president of Rio de Janeiro State to buy an airplane which will be named after the late Sebastiano Lacerda, one-time Republican leader, Supreme Court chief, and Dr. Fernando Lacerda's father.

Union Lookout

- Little Steel Formula to Go
- But New Ceiling Coming

by Dorothy Loeb



Travis K. Hedrick, Federated Press Washington correspondent, sends the cheerful news from the capital that there's more than smoke behind recurring hints that the Little Steel formula is on the way to the scrap heap.

American workers will get an official green light to go after wage increases some time late in September or early in October, but another ceiling will be installed to check the over-enthusiastic and prevent an inflationary grab that might break all efforts at national stabilization, predicts Hedrick. He adds that it's not likely that the raise will be enough to satisfy everybody but will afford a measure of financial relief to breadwinners hurt by soaring living costs and a frozen wage level.

Considering the tightness with which wage increases have been curbed and certain reports about difficulties labor is having on automatic wage progressions in the War Labor Board it is devoutly to be hoped that Hedrick's prediction comes true.

The Philadelphia "white supremacy" strike reminds us: It took a hard fight to get Negro operators employed by New York Omnibus Corp. Now J. E. McCarthy, president, says that Negroes are doing a fine job. It took scores of delegations to break Jim Crow at the Sperry Gyroscope Corp. Recently, R. E. Gillmor, president, said the company would never again operate without them. Just a few of thousands of good examples. . . . Harry Sacher, Transport Workers Union attorney, said that over and above other issues in the Philadelphia strike was the fact that the Philadelphia Transportation Co. was actually using the race issue to rob the men of the \$3,000,000 wage gains they would win in the contract the TWU just negotiated. The agreement promised huge economic gains and the union protection.

Matt Smith's Confederated Unions of America will hold a "national convention" in Indianapolis Oct. 20 to 22. This is the outfit that is trying to centralize company unions and some independents around Smith's anti-war, pro-strike policy. . . . This CIO Department Store Employees Unions have done it again. Local 15 has won an NLRB election at R. H. Macy's Parkchester store. That follows right on the heels of the big victory at A. I. Namm's Brooklyn store a fortnight ago.

A three-day taste of army life was enjoyed by 137 women members of the CIO United Auto Workers. They visited Fort Knox, Ky., to see what happens to the weapons they produce. . . . The Douglas Aircraft Corp. has abolished the jobs of 51 women matrons rather than give them 10 to 20 cents an hour raises ordered by the regional War Labor Board. . . . Three women were among the delegates to the first statewide conference of New York International Association of Machinists lodges held recently. Jennie Reinsmith, one of them, was elected vice-president of the state council. She is a veteran in the IAM. She was a leader in the great Remington Rand strikes in 1934 and 1936 in Ilion. When the company moved its plants to Elmira, she moved too and organized the union there.

The United Office and Professional Workers, District 4 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers and the New York New Jersey District of Mine, Mill and Smelting Workers are among unions that have wired Congressional leaders demanding immediate enactment of the Kilgore bill governing orderly and planned reconversion. . . . The New Jersey Metal Council, representing 6,000 Mine, Mill members, has endorsed the Roosevelt-Truman ticket. . . . Saul Mills, secretary, has been elected City CIO Council delegate to the forthcoming State CIO convention at Saratoga Springs.

Irving Abramson, president of the New Jersey CIO, has been granted permission to file a brief as a friend of the court in support of Joseph Grasso, 26-year-old medically discharged war veteran, who is suing to force his ex-employer to reinstate him in his pre-war job. Abramson is a lawyer as well as a labor leader. The Grasso case was brought by the International Fur and Leather Workers against the Belleville, N. J., leather tanning firm of A. J. Crowhurst and Sons. Grasso was an active unionist and the company doesn't want to give him his old job for obvious reasons. Their stated claim, however, is that flat feet make him unfit. Those feet didn't interfere with 20-mile Army marches while he was carrying 70 to 100-pound packs, Grasso replies.

Anglo-U.S.-Latin America Unity Called Answer to Postwar Trade

By OWEN ROCHE

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6 (ALN).—Solution of the problems arising out of British fears that the U. S. is trying to monopolize Latin American markets for post-war trade "is one of the big battles for the realization of the Teheran promises," Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, declared in a message to the third Inter-American Bar Association.

tion conference here. "We must prove to the British that this is not so, that we look forward to three-way cooperation among Britain, the U. S. and Latin America from which all three will gain and prosper equally," Pressman stated.

Attacking Henry Luce's American Century idea, Pressman continued: "The U. S. will desperately need huge foreign markets when the war is finally won. Our very survival may depend on their rapid development, but we cannot get such markets unless Latin American labor is fully protected in its right to organize and bargain collectively with wages ensuring the purchasing power to buy manufactured goods, and unless the health, educational and cultural standards of the Latin American peoples are raised."

Among the U. S. delegates to the conference were William Standard and Martin Popper of the National Lawyers Guild.

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Ickes, Wagner to Speak at State ALP Nominating Parley

Sec. of Interior Harold L. Ickes, Sen. Robert F. Wagner and Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, head the list of speakers for the 1944 Presidential Nominating Session of the State Committee of the American Labor

Party, it was announced yesterday by Hyman Blumberg, secretary.

The nominating session at the Hotel New Yorker Thursday evening, Aug. 10 will launch the statewide registration campaign of the American Labor Party.

Over 1,000 delegates composing the state committee will nominate the party's candidate for president, vice-president, United States senator, and select its choice for New York associate judge of the Court of Appeals.

It was indicated that the convention would also act vigorously on the soldier vote issue and demand liberalization of the New York State War Ballot Law. Other activity is expected for immediate enactment of the Kilgore Bill.



SEN. ROBERT A. WAGNER



HAROLD L. ICKES

Barkley Piles Up Big Lead

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 6.—Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, up until the latest count today, piled up an impressive lead over six opponents in the Kentucky Democratic primary.

Out of 1,590 precincts of the state's 4,248, Senator Barkley won 42,639 votes. His opponents were virtually swamped in the same number of precincts, with L. Boone Hamilton of Frankfort polling 1,582; Brooks L. Hargrove of Louisville, 1,140; William O'Connor of Jackson, 1,003; John Franklin Jones, Mayfield, 918; John J. Thobe, Covington, 799 and Julie W. Appel of Erlanger getting 731.

Absentee ballots, used for the first time in this state's election, were extremely low. The Secretary of State's office announced that only 884 were sent in.

ACA Seeking Master Pact

Harry A. Morgan, vice president of the CIO American Communications Association, announced yesterday that all dry cargo, passenger ship companies affiliated with the Pacific American Shipowners Association and member companies of the American Merchant Marine Institute and Ship Operators Association holding agreements with the CIO union have been asked to open negotiations for a universal Master agreement covering radio officers.

The request was made in a letter from Morgan and Joseph P. Selly, ACA president.

The union looks forward to stabilized postwar conditions in the merchant marine and hopes to negotiate one agreement which will serve not only wartime needs but apply to future conditions, the letter said.

In making the announcement, Morgan said, "a strong efficient merchant marine in the postwar period will depend upon the extent of labor-management cooperation in the future. Our whole approach to this problem is one of a wholesome desire to continue our amicable labor relations on the same plane that now exists and has existed since Pearl Harbor and without recourse to any action in the postwar period that would lead to strife or discord."



SIDNEY HILLMAN

Donate Over 10 Million To Fight Paralysis

Announcing that the American people had contributed an all-time record of \$10,973,491 to the 1944 Fund-Raising appeal of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Basil O'Connor, Foundation president, declared last night that these donations will permit an expansion of the war against the children's enemy on the home front.

With epidemics or serious outbreaks now taking their toll in twelve of the states of the nation, Mr. O'Connor pointed out that the number of cases reported is already higher than for the comparable period last year when the country suffered its third worst epidemic.

Ex-Democratic Gov. Tom Berry, praised Republican U. S. Sen. Chan Gurney, who defeated Berry in 1940, for his votes in support of the war effort, but declared that "all other members of the South Dakota delegation in Congress were un-American obstructionists and defeatists who were giving aid to Hitler."

"He quoted Harlan Bushfield Republican Senator from South Dakota, as saying that "he did not yet know what we were fighting for."

Democrats Open Drive To End Hoffman Career

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Aug.

6.—Berrien County Democrats, in Michigan's fourth congressional district, have launched a vigorous campaign to eliminate the notorious pro-fascist, Clare Hoffman, from Congress.

Hoffman is being opposed by Bernard T. Foley, a strong advocate of the President's policies.

Democrats here have determined upon a "house-to-house, precinct-by-precinct, ward-by-ward, township-by-township, village-by-village, city-by-city" job of registering the people and lining them up behind the President and the congressional candidate that backs his program.

Democrats here are offering prizes of bonds to the workers who make the best showing in registration.



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SPEEDING UP



Voters Also Have Rights

EVER since the defeat of Alabama's Congressman Starnes there has been a demand from the Dies Committee, of which he is a member, for an investigation. When two other members of the Dies Committee were eliminated, Costello of California and Dies himself, the chorus of reactionary voices calling for an investigation became pretty near deafening.

The displeasure of the Dies Committee and its friends did not seem to frighten the voters in the least. Since the defeat of the three members of the Dies Committee, a whole host of reactionary and defeatist Congressmen and Senators have also been defeated for reelection. More and more the voters are showing their preference for candidates who are closest to the war policies of the President. Now the matter can no longer wait. Dies has appointed a committee of three to investigate the CIO and the Political Action Committee of the CIO. Starnes and Costello, two lame duck Congressmen together with the infamous GOP defeatist Parnell Thomas constitute the committee.

In New York City, the anti-Roosevelt Republocrat Kennedy, who was licked by Marcantonio, also wants an investigation. The campaign manager of the GOP candidate, who trailed Marcantonio, wants an investigation. Newspapers that opposed Marcantonio join in the demand for an investigation. They want everything investigated. They want the voting lists investigated. They want the politics of Marcantonio investigated. They want the election laws making it possible for Marcantonio to run in all three primaries investigated.

But what do they really wish investigated? That the CIO, AFL and other groups of patriotic Americans supported pro-Roosevelt candidates against opponents of the President's war policies needs no investigation. **WHAT THEY REALLY WISH TO INVESTIGATE IS THE RIGHTS OF VOTERS TO UNITE IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS WAR POLICIES.** Their object is through demagogic and intimidation to break up this growing unity.

They have for so many years had matters their own way that they have begun to think only they have rights and have forgotten that the voters too have rights.

The Voters Have Intervened

Time was when a Dies or a Starnes could manipulate a small group of machine politicians to get the Democratic nomination. In the South that was tantamount to election. Now the voters, among them workers organized in unions both CIO and AFL as well as Negro voters, have intervened. They have decided that they would put an end to the political careers of the Dies, the Starnes and other reactionary and defeatist poltaxers. Does this not merit an investigation? What will this country be coming to if the voters actually have the right to decide upon the selection of their candidates and organize to assure their election?

Or take the case of Marcantonio. Here is a man who received neither the blessings of designation by the Democratic leaders nor of the GOP bosses and then walks away with both primaries. Can this be tolerated? Are the machine bosses to be denied the right to name candidates? What do the voters want to do—rob the machine politicians of their rights? Of course, one could answer that the direct primaries were won by the people to do just that—to give the people the right to select candidates. But then the machine bosses always thought that this primary business was just a formality. They never expected that the people would actually take their rights seriously. What is happening now is just going a little too far.

And besides, even granting that the people do have the right to select candidates, have they the right to select a Marcantonio who opposed not only the leaders of the GOP and the Democratic County Committees, but also by the Journal-American, the Mirror, the Daily News, the World-Telegram, the Sun, the Herald Tribune and, yes, even the New York Post, not to mention of the New Leader and the Jewish Daily Forwar? If the people can do that there must be something basically wrong with democracy.

All the demands for investigation, all the insinuations disclose just this kind of thinking and nothing less. And this is the real danger that every citizen must see in the investigations. It is not the CIO, or the PAC or Marcantonio that is to be investigated, but democracy itself.

But the people are discovering that they have rights and they are exercising them. No one is going to stop the forward march of the people once they have become conscious of their rights and are willing to organize and fight for them.

They're Saying in Washington

GOP Reconversion Hoax

by Adam Lapin

THE unspoken thought behind all the recent Republican statements on reconversion is that there is sure to be huge unemployment throughout the nation within the next few months—and that the GOP should try to cash in on the distress and dissatisfaction of the people by blaming all on the administration.

That is why they profess to be clamoring for a action on reconversion. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and the 26 Republican governors called together in St. Louis by Thomas E. Dewey and Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan have called for speed. They have charged the administration with dilly-dallying.

The pitch is obvious. They are building up a record of public statements in which they said they wanted action on reconversion. If there is no action or inadequate action, they will attempt to corral the votes of war workers and their families.

And at the same time that they are demanding that Congress act, they are doing everything in their power to prevent passage of comprehensive or workable legislation. They are in effect aggravating a crisis which they hope will mean votes in November.

Ignore Human Side of Reconversion

If you read the statement of the Republican governors, all it urges is prompt action on "contract termination and plant clearance." There is no demand for real planning of reconversion. On the contrary, the inference is that it can all be done by industry. And there is no suggestion that the human side of reconversion needs attention by Congress. The problem of taking care of displaced workers is to be left to the states.

Senate Republicans have taken essentially the same position. Vandenberg, after all his pious breast-beating, lined up for the do-nothing, state's rights George

bill which gives the war workers absolutely nothing they do not have today. It sets no standards to raise the inadequate unemployment compensation payments in the states. It simply sets up a revolving fund from which the states can borrow. But Senator Walter George from Georgia, sponsor of the bill, says none of the states will use it because they have "ample funds" of their own.

In the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Republicans fought tooth and nail against reporting the Truman-Murray-Kilgore bill. They were not only opposed to its unemployment compensation features. They lined up unanimously against its planning features, setting up over-all supervision of reconversion in an Office of War Mobilization and Post-War Adjustment.

THE administration's record on the reconversion issue is clear enough. The four senators most actively involved in sponsoring the over-all reconversion bill in the Military Affairs Committee are Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Senators Harley Kilgore of West Virginia and James Murray of Montana, both staunch administration men, and Lister Hill, the Democratic whip. Committee Democrats voted solidly for the bill while the Republicans lined up solidly against it.

In view of the plain facts, the GOP breast-beating and finger-pointing is one of the most outrageous political hoaxes ever perpetrated in a campaign year.

And yet the hoax has not been adequately exposed. I don't think its existence is suspected by most people. Newspaper coverage of the reconversion story is one reason.

Worth Repeating

DR. FRANCIS E. McMAHON, in his Saturday column in the New York Post: Is it only a coincidence that an isolationist like Hamilton Fish and an economic reactionary like Sewell Avery are also anti-Semitic? Or is there a common pattern running through it all? I am pretty sure that is. I am pretty sure that on that pattern you will find traced the international swastika, the sign of both the conscious and the unconscious traitor.

Change the World

A LETTER dated Dec. 6, 1941 has just turned up on the desk. A curious process seems to be at work when many letters, magazines, circulars and pamphlets accumulate there.

Recent mail sinks to the bottom while old forgotten things rise to the top. This letter of 1941 came from Brooklyn and was written by a young girl.

She is probably long out of college by now, or in the WAVES. But in 1941, she was majoring in French, and studying modern French novelists.

"Will you please give me your criticism of Proust, his philosophy and works?" she wrote. "As for me I am not in full agreement with his theories of creative writing. I am a constant reader of your column and enjoy it greatly. I hope this will not inconvenience you very much, for I know you are busy."

1941. How much has happened since then? Is Proust important any more? Need I answer that earnest letter?

Proustism, Joyceism, all that fancy embroidery, self-torture and navel analysis of the rotten-ripe bourgeoisie of the late 19th century, is as defunct, Lucy, as the corsets and rouge of strutting Romanian



by Mike Gold

army officers.

Those kinds of people had a lot of time on their hands and enjoyed the illusion of security. Things have changed, and we are building a better world.

Langston Hughes sends a friendly note from Parkway Community House in Chicago, where he is now a resident. The distinguished poet, one of four or five in all American literature, who ever could write true folk-song, is doing a weekly column in the Chicago Defender, thus joining the clan of writers employed to play the role of God.

Langston says "That was a very good column, Mike, in which you commented on the New Republic's pages of army poetry. I always like your column, anyway."

Well, I was always affected by Langston's poetry, and would give much to see a soldier come out of the war with something of that kind of poetry. Who poisoned our American poetry, anyway, and turned it into the whining of a bunch of sterile esthetes?

JOHN L. SPIVAK, the famous bloodhound, protests against a recent reference here which described him as "balding."

"I have had eighteen telephone calls," he says, "twelve from blondes, five from brunettes, and one from a sandy red. They are

mad at you for saying I am balding. They offered to sign affidavits that I still have my curls. Some of them even implied your eyes have been affected by old age and hot weather."

This is a matter one can leave to the public; everyone can judge for himself. It is also unimportant, I think, and should not have come up, even in the hot and foolish weather we are having. Why are you not sleuthing, John, and turning up some of the Nazi plotters who will undoubtedly use the Presidential election to spread their race riots and sabotage strikes?

That is your true job, and not this morbid concern with your hair.

A BROOKLYN lady, M. S., sends in \$10 for the Daily Worker fund, sniffling, "Miracle of Stelton, huh? How about Prospect Park? Did anyone ever cough up with ten bucks from that region for the Daily Worker? Here it is."

Lady, Brooklyn has never let us down. Last year even a Dodger pitcher came across for the Daily, as I remember.

In Accord, N. Y., a group of vacationists raised \$46.25 for the press fund, and credit it here. "We did it through a party and a hayride and also the men pitched 10 tons of hay in order to raise this money."

Which brings the total credited to this column to \$261.25, and laugh that off, Fred Ellis!

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Marc's Victory

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Many groups and individuals are responsible for the victory scored by Marcantonio assuring his re-election to Congress. Perhaps the outstanding factor in the election is the support he received from people of Czech, Polish, German and Irish extraction. These people constituted the margin for victory. Ordinarily they would not have deserted the regular Democratic and Republican organizations. I believe the election made it clear these people understand the issues and will not respond to reactionary leadership. We may see these same forces in operation on a larger scale in the Presidential election. There was a spirit of rejoicing in Yorkville last night as many a Democratic and Republican party captain exhibited the election returns that indicated they controlled their districts despite the opposition of reactionary leaders. This was truly a people's victory that seeped right into the ranks of the old party leaders.

J. B.

Doesn't Like Pegler

Portland, Ore.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the Oregon Journal of July 25 there appeared a column by Westbrook Pegler which was even a few inches lower than his usual filthy presentation. He reflected upon the Communist membership as being "opposed to the American system," when we all know what a fascist this Pegler is. He went on to make out Mr. Roosevelt to be a Communist to all intents and purposes, and in general his entire production was an imitation of the Hitler technique.

In longer perspective, there must be passed and enforced, as conscious and consistent national policy, whatever federal legislation is necessary to protect our country from such outrages.

Second, our trade unions, all of them, must place the education of their members on the "Negro question" uppermost on their agendas. Otherwise, as at Western Electric in Baltimore and elsewhere, they will find their organizing and bargaining efforts defeated on the false grounds of anti-Negroism. Much has been done along this line already, especially by the CIO, but the situation in Philadelphia is a measure of the vastness of the task still to be accomplished.

HISTORY has catapulted the "Negro problem" into the forefront of national and international affairs. It can no longer be laid aside for future attention.

CARL A. S.

How Does Mellett Get That Way?

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Permit me to protest against an expression in the column by Lowell Mellett in the New York Post of August 1. I have read some of his previous remarks with much interest and I note that you reproduced a part of his column on Dewey and the soldier vote in your Worth Repeating section. But in this issue of Aug. 1, Mellett has the audacity to say of Sidney Hillman that "the American Communists do hate him." How does this man Mellett get that way? It seems to be an old case of an attempt at hand-washings when the hands are clean. In other words, Mellett is making a strained effort to present Hillman as one repugnant to the Communists, in order Mellett thinks to make him acceptable to "respectable people." That doesn't work these days. The name "Communist" has too good a reputation. And there is no ground for the statement that the Communists "hate" Hillman.

WENTWORTH.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Toward Freedom

THE Philadelphia transit strike is only secondarily an expression of antagonism against the up-grading of Negro workers. It is primarily an organized attack against legitimate trade unionism and the war-government of our nation. As such, it holds important lessons for our country as a whole, and especially for the trade union movement.

Marxists have repeatedly pointed out that the rise of fascism and the necessities of this anti-fascist war have raised the traditional "Negro problem" to a new plane of urgency; that its prompt and fundamental solution can no longer be regarded as an ethical question of social justice, but must be viewed as a political question of national survival; and that the interests of all Americans require that the whole power of our government be thrown behind effective measures to uproot the virus of anti-Negroism—NOW.

Let us hope that the validity of these premises is at last being jolted into the consciousness of our nation by the outrageous Philadelphia strike which, as this is written, still continues in flagrant defiance of federal authority and with shocking disdain for the critical war needs of our country.

We must be intolerant of such "liberal" interpretations of this crisis as that set forth in I. F. Stone's dissertation on the rotten-



by Doxie Wilkerson

ness of the "common man" (PM, Aug. 4). They contribute only confusion to a situation which our continued existence as a free nation now requires that we understand with utmost clarity.

HERE is a situation in which (1) a would-be open-shop company still hopes to defeat legitimate unionism with which it is now legally obligated to bargain; (2) disgruntled leaders of a defeated company union still hope to regain their positions of prestige and power; (3) a rotten Republican city administration is eager to embarrass President Roosevelt, if for none other than narrow partisan reasons; and (4) even more sinister enemies of our nation are alert to an opportunity to disrupt vital war production in Hitler's hour of greatest need.

The up-grading of eight Negro workers by FEPC order provides the occasion for the outbreak. The latent prejudices of the white workers afford the means of mobilizing them against their own and the nation's interests. But the basic cause of this insurrection lies in the selfish and treasonous purposes of the groups by which it was engineered.

THIS is what lies behind the transportation and war production tie-up in Philadelphia. And here are some of the main lessons it should teach our government and our unions:

Bad Business

"YOU can't believe what you read in the newspapers" is an old American expression which contains only a half-truth. It is surprising, just the same, what validity is given it by the false statements which appear glibly and too frequently in the public prints. That is often conspicuously the case where the Communists are concerned.

I do not now refer to the Hearst papers or the Chicago Tribune, with whom falsification is a foundation stone. Reputable publications with more patriotic instincts are also rife with such fictions. A current case this year was that of Collier's magazine, which devoted a leading article by George Creel to representing (or misrepresenting) the Communists as being engaged in a "secret war" against Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Mr. Creel and the editors of Collier's could merely have looked up the record of the Communist attitude as recorded in the news columns of the Daily Worker to appreciate that the very opposite was the truth. And yet, that falsehood appeared on March 11, five long months ago, and remains uncorrected by Collier's as its falsehood probably goes marching on.



by Louis F. Budenz

ONLY last Thursday, another crude example bobbed up in the editorial pages of the New York Times. It was a short sentence, in a brief editorial, The Case of Gerald Smith. In its 20 words there were no less than three flagrant falsehoods of a major character.

The sentence read: "As to Mr. Browder, one fears that if Moscow came out for racial intolerance he would have to do the same." So the times (as in its old Munich-inspired days) cannot get away from the discredited and disproved "orders from Moscow" canard. That was the bugaboo which split possible unity around collective security in the days when war could have been avoided. And it is unfortunate that the Times, after all the events which have made national unity of the win-the-war forces so urgent, cannot forbear to trot it out again.

What is even more serious is the revelation contained in this assertion, that the Times has no conception or wants to have no correct conception of the character of the Soviet Union and of the American Communist movement. That sentence is a libel on both.

Is it necessary to tell the Times all over again that racial equality is a basic keystone of the Soviet state, that it is one of those major achievements which makes the Soviet

The N. Y. Times Turns Out Big Errors in A Small Sentence

Union what it is? Is it necessary to read off to the Times once more Stalin's writings on the national question, which scholars and statesmen all over the world recognize as the statement of those principles which have been embodied in Soviet life?

FOR the Times cynically and falsely to intimate that the Soviet Union might turn against the principle of racial equality is for the Times to misunderstand all the heroism of our powerful ally during the past three crucial years. From the lips of Winston Churchill it has been said that no other country could have withstood the shock of Hitler's armies as the Soviet nation did. And it is recognized that one of the major reasons why this proved to be so was the solidarity among the multi-national groups that make up the Soviet nation.

If the Soviet Union has set the pace in regard to racial equality as it has, the American Communist movement has proved to be a constant prod to America's conscience on the same matter of justice. When Earl Browder spoke of the proposed formation of the Communist Political Association, it was not without reason that he committed that movement to the last ditch to the battle for racial justice. That is the very distinguishing mark of the Communist movement.

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Argentine Labor Blasts Gov't Anti-U.S. Stand, Issues Call

MONTEVIDEO, Aug. 6 (ALN).—The claim of the Argentine Colonels Lodge (GOU) to labor's support was repudiated when a group of underground unions, representing a majority of the country's workers, issued an illegal manifesto stating that the government "completely lacks popular support" and thanking the United States for its "firm attitude" against the Farrell-Peron regime. The manifesto, signed by the National Federation of Building Workers, Food and Packinghouse Workers unions and the Buenos Aires Labor Federation, says in part:

"Argentine labor since the beginning of the war has expressed unequivocally the democratic creed and solidarity with the United Nations, as witness the resolutions of our National Labor Congresses and the presence of an Argentine delegation at the conference of the Latin American Confederation of Workers (CTAL) in Montevideo last March. The Argentine people and labor have reacted by acts of protest and strikes against the government, and by building unity of anti-fascist groups in Buenos Aires and the interior."

FAKE PARADES

"Completely lacking popular support, the government now tries to improvise a team of followers to back its provocations. Carnivalesque processions organized by

Col. Juan Peron admitted Saturday that the numerical strength of the Argentine Army has been doubled in the past year of Colonels Lodge rule, according to yesterday's New York Times. Quite a step up for a country which protests its neutral and peaceful intentions.

the government propaganda office, with the help of Axis spies and fake labor leaders, have demonstrated before the leader of the so-called new regime, attacking the United Nations and breaking the windows of democratic commercial firms.

Headed by the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, earlier dissolved by the Supreme Court for anti-national activities, the demonstrations were made up of uniformed government employees, students, soldiers and cadets. All were threatened with reprisals if they failed to be present.

"This is the essence of the so-called popular support. If the government is relying on the people, why does it not call elections? Why has Congress been dissolved and the activities of political parties been prohibited? Why are 2,000 democratic citizens and labor militants jailed? Why is the government out to create a 'labor movement' without autonomy, tied to the will of the government? Why have dozens of labor union locals been closed? Why has the legitimate General Confederation of Workers (CGT) been dissolved? Why is rigid censorship continued?

The Argentine people are grateful to the people of America for their firm attitude. The Argentine working class is out to achieve labor unity. This is the moment to create a united command and further national unity to find a democratic solution to our national problems, give the country a government of national conciliation, and restore Argentina to the concert of free peoples. Let us prepare for decisive fights and organize united action by labor and the people."

Legion Acts to Protect Postwar Pilot Rights

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—The rights of pilots now in military service to operate feeder airlines and pick-up air service after the war would be protected under a resolution to be presented at the American Legion national convention in Chicago Sept. 18-20, it was disclosed tonight.

Report Argentina Frees Some Prisoners, Many Still in Jail

Release of a few of the more prominent Argentine political prisoners, announced Saturday by Vice-President Col. Juan Peron, was played up with considerable fanfare by Arnaldo Cortesi in yesterday's New York Times.

Cortesi—who, as usual, took Peron's word for it—said that those released include Socialist deputies Juan Antonio Solari and Americo Gioldi, the Radical deputy Ernesto Sanmartino and ex-Minister of Finance Federico Pinedo, a leader of the Concordancia Party.

Peron himself admitted that the former Radical deputy, Augustin Rodriguez Araya was still in jail and that former Radical deputy Silvano Santander had been arrested last Wednesday.

Still in the terrible jail of Isla Martin Garcia, however—and this Cortesi did not report—are many

other leaders of democratic Argentine groups. To list a few, there are:

Juan Jose Real, secretary of the Communist Party and veteran of the fight for the Spanish Republic; Jose Peter, Pedro Chiarante, Angel Molessini and Muzzio Girardi—leaders of the meat-packing, food, construction and metallurgical workers; Dr. Julio A. Notta, assistant director of the newspaper La Hora; Antulio Lencinas, outstanding Argentine youth leader; F. Munoz Diez, editor of the weekly Orientacion and S. Schmerkin, a lawyer who defended Vittorio Codovilla.

Soviet Writer Urges 4-Power Peace Setup

A future world organization for peace must eliminate the chief defect of the League of Nations which required unanimous decision of all members before action could be

writing in a Leningrad monthly.

The Star, as quoted in yesterday's New York Times.

Under the former set-up, Malinin points out, small nations, possibly under the influence of aggressor powers, could sabotage the interests of peace. In the future, the Soviet writer agrees with other Allied world leaders, the four great powers must assume the responsibility of preventing aggression.

"Special meaning must be given to the 'Declaration on the question of All-World Safety' as worked out at the Moscow Conference," he says, "expressing the readiness of the great democratic powers to take practical actions toward the establishment of an International Organization of Safety (IOS)."

DUTY OF GREAT POWERS

"The IOS must be built on the basis of firm, active leadership of the great powers. These powers must organize the directive organ of the new organization. They must take upon themselves the obligation to counter any aggression; if necessary, with their own armed forces independently from other members of the organization."

"The responsibility for the peace must not be divided among sixty or more governments. It must be put upon large governments which possess real strength for it. The great powers should also sign agreements among themselves to prevent counter-aggression." These agreements would give each member a definite responsibility, he points out.

"The very fact of the existence of this firm directive organ of the most powerful governments of the world will warn and frighten potential aggressors."

Discounting the idea of an international police force as "utopian," Malinin declares: "To counter an aggressor today it is necessary to have hundreds of all kinds of weapons and technical equipment. It is quite clear that such an army cannot be built up in some neutral country where the IOS is established. In a neutral country this army would be isolated from its source of supplies."

"There is also no point in each country's having a section of its own army for an international police force. It is no use because each country would have to have the size



Planning the campaign to send medical supplies to Italy are Judge Juvenal Marchisio, president of American Relief to Italy, Inc. (left) and Prof. Arturo Castiglioni, now of Yale University.

Special Committee Set Up to Speed Medical Aid to Italy

Judge Juvenal Marchisio, president of American Relief to Italy Inc., has announced the formation of a special committee to secure medical supplies and surgical instruments from doctors throughout the country.

Chairman of the new American Committee for Medical Aid to Italy is Professor Arturo Castiglioni, noted authority on medical history, who is at present on the Yale University faculty. Prof. Castiglioni taught at Padua University and served on the Italy's top Health Council before he quit the country in 1938 following Mussolini's anti-Semitic campaign.

Dr. Bruno Erber and Dr. Oscar Landi are co-secretaries of the committee.

"We have a great need for medical supplies in Italy," Prof. Castiglioni declared. "There is need for bandages, medical instruments and remedies, such as insulin and iodine. I ask the doctors of America to contribute what they can of these necessities."

"Medicine is human. That is its purpose. I appeal to all doctors, regardless of political or social differences, to help the people of liberated Italy. These people not only need food, but they need medicine too."

Mexico Airmen Allies Casualties Train in Texas Total 115,665

By EFREN FARRILL

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6.—Mexican Air Squadron 201 has gone to Randolph Field for intensive training in modern warfare and organization. After this period it may go overseas, as the men hope, to constitute a complete unit attached to the Allied air forces.

Pilots, bombardiers, navigators, cooks and ground crew number 300 men, commanded by Col. Antonio Cardenas. Cardenas visited Sicily and Italy as an observer and is the hero of the 1942 Goodwill Flight through the Americas.

Thus far Mexican volunteers with various of the Allied armies are reported to have excellent combat records. The war contribution of Mexican agricultural labor in the United States has also been praised.

There are 90,000 Mexican workers now in the United States and another 10,000 are contracted for Texas, however, is still blacklisted because of discrimination.

ALP Parley Today

A special meeting of administrative and executive committees of the Ladies Garment Center, American Labor Party Club, will be held today, Monday, at 7 p. m., at 613 Eighth Ave. Reports on primary election results will be discussed and a campaign backing the Roosevelt-Truman ticket will be charted.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are \$35 per line (6 words to line—3 lines, minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK Monday at 8:10 p. m. Kumar Goshal will review and analyze the week's news. Special feature will be a review and comment on Sumner Welles' book "Time for Decision." Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave., at 18th St., 56c.

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Veteran's Aid

By WORLD WAR II VET

When you consider the delays in delivering mail to armed forces overseas and the way Gov. Dewey has set rigid dates for the sending and receiving of applications and ballots, you realize that the Governor makes the kind of postman who doesn't even ring once at the soldier's door.



The Army Postal Service last week in listing delays in mail pointed to the factor of time required for units to reach overseas destinations and the number of moves made after arrival, while the Navy Postal Service cited crew changes and unscheduled re-routing of ships.

Both services stressed factors including military security, limited cargo space, distances involved and careless addressing of letters.

The Army Postal Service reported that soldiers arriving overseas may go through an initial period of two to three months without mail—a period that may lengthen with military activity. The Navy said the Army's specific problem of delivering mail for soldiers constantly on the move, is the general problem continually faced by the Navy. Crews rarely remain intact and ships often proceed to ports other than those for which they were originally scheduled.

Both services pointed out that they were operating at maximum efficiency under the circumstances, as anyone who sends and receives mail knows.

Mail to the United States from overseas points takes less time than delivery of mail abroad, it was pointed out, because more cargo space is available on return trips and because letters are delivered to more or less "established" addresses. Generally, soldiers attached continuously to the same battalion, company, or regiment receive excellent mail service. "Casuals" (those who move overseas as individuals rather than as parts of a unit), soldiers in hospitals, or those in the Army Air Forces are especially hit by mail delays.

Persons who carelessly transpose the digits in the Army Post Office or Navy numbers, neglect to spell out middle names and abbreviations, or who fail to use the most recent addresses supplied by servicemen abroad invite considerable delay in delivery of their letters overseas.

The Governor has made it hard enough for soldiers to get their ballots. Civilians should take every precaution to avoid needless delays caused by mistakes.

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U.S. Reports in Yenan Confirm C. P. Claims

The elected administrators of the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia Border Region are predominantly non-Communist, American correspondents in Yenan reported yesterday after attending a joint meeting of the Border Administration and Standing Committee of the Regional Peoples Council.

The eye-witness report deflates the claim of Communist domination in the guerrilla areas behind Japanese lines, and confirms the fact that Chinese Communists are maintaining their policy of holding no more than one third of government positions.

Participants in the meeting, according to yesterday's New York Times report, were "unusual for Chinese administrators" for they "all had the look of sun-bronzed farmers." (Traditionally administrators in China are a well-fed class apart from the rest of the population.)

CONFIRMS C. P. CLAIM

Their composition, the Times continued, "offered corroboration of the Chinese Communists' assertion that they were striving to unite all groups and classes for the anti-Japanese war and for internal reform and reconstruction."

Of the 22 members present, eight were Communists, two big landlords, six minor country gentry, several intellectuals, teachers, a doctor, a soldier, a Moslem mullah, a poor peasant, a tenant former a shop clerk. The landlords and

minor gentry, the Times explained, came from "districts the Communist troops reached after the announcement of their united front policy, so they did not divide the estates."

The meeting was chaired by Li Ting-ming, a progressive Shensi country gentleman, in the absence of the Communist Border Region chairman, Lin Tso-han who is negotiating with Kuomintang leaders in Chungking to end the government blockade of the guerrillas. It dealt with preparation of a counterattack against the Japanese in northwest China and with problems of increasing production.

Dies Froths With 'Get PAC' Demand

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The discredited Martin Dies, who was in such bad odor in his own district that he did not dare to run again for office, continued to seek publicity against the Roosevelt administration today. Dies wrote a letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle, "demanding" that Biddle prosecute leaders of the CIO Political Action Committee for alleged violation of the Hatch act.

The Times, unimpressed by the fact that the Allies have dropped Mikhailovitch for the simple reason that he fights Yugoslav patriots rather than Germans, asked him a series of questions as to Yugoslavia's future.

What he replied is singularly unimportant.

But isn't it time for the Times to reconsider just what is "fit to print?"

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'Times' Still Yearns For Mikhailovitch

In an effort to resurrect a completely discredited character from the ashcan of history, the New York Times yesterday devoted almost a full page—starting on page one—to a statement by Gen. Draja Mikhailovitch.

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Lewis Local Ok's Edmundson

(Reprinted from 3-Star edition of The Worker, yesterday)

By OTTO WANGERIN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 5.—Local 764 of the United Mine Workers of America, of which John L. Lewis, international president, is a member, last night endorsed Ray Edmundson for nomination for UMW president. He received 111 votes to 17 for Lewis.

Lewis also lost in election of delegates to represent the local at the international convention in Cincinnati, Sept. 12. Edmundson was one of three named. Local 764 is also his home local.

Edmundson, former president of District 12 of the UMWA, recently resigned to lead the movement for autonomy and self-government in the UMW.

Local 764, at a previous meeting, endorsed the reelection of President Roosevelt in defiance of Lewis' support of Dewey.



Firemen Sue Against Gag Rule

The Uniformed Firemen's Association has taken to court its fight against the departmental ruling of Fire Commissioner Patrick Walsh forbidding unauthorized public statements from firemen.

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The Lowdown

Esquire's All-American Game Not Quite That

Nat Low

That much publicized "All-American" boys' game between the east and west will come off this afternoon at the Polo Grounds, sponsored by Esquire and having the support of dozens of leading newspapers in all sections of the country.

The idea behind this game between the leading sandlot and schoolboy baseball players of the country is an excellent one and should not only be continued in the future but enlarged, even though Esquire happens to be getting tons of free publicity from the business.

But we urge that the game be continued only on one promise; that the stupid ban on Negro youngsters immediately be ended.

It is a vicious and sad commentary on the state of affairs when in a sandlot game sponsored by a national magazine and having the support of hundreds of newspapers, youngsters of dark skins should be banned.

Not only is this just as damaging to our national health as the Hitler-provoked transit strike in Philadelphia, but it deepens and extends that ill health among young people going through their formative period.

Certainly the average sandlot youngster has very little, if any, Jim Crow feeling. I have seen hundreds and even thousands of sandlot games all over the country where there was not even the slightest indication of bad feeling or discrimination. Why, then, in this first organized All-American boys game, should Jim Crow rule?

The answer lies not alone in the serious mistake of the Esquire people in doing it but in the Jim Crow which exists in the major leagues. Major league baseball dominates and influences to an extraordinary degree all baseball played in our country. Thus, because the majors are still ruled by an archaic and reactionary theory based solely upon Hitler's Aryan supremacy cult that we are now fighting with our blood, so much of our public life is infested with the same disease.

It is about time major league officials realized the grave and huge responsibilities they have to the American people and the American nation.

The game today at the Polo Grounds will in all probability be a fine game between a group of splendid young Americans—but it cannot possibly be called an "All-American" game and ask for the whole-hearted support of the people as long as it continues to carry on a policy whose equivalent we are combatting with arms and blood all over the world.

Ben Chapman's debut victory over the Braves the other day impressed many baseball men by the manner in which it was achieved. Chapman, a surly, hot-tempered, decidedly unpopular person when he was outfielding and stealing bases for the New York Yank a decade ago, used a vast variety of stuff in setting back the Braves.

He threw a ball reminiscent of Rip Sewell's bloop, a side-arm curve, an overhand fast ball and an underhand toss that resembled Eldon Auker's pitch when he was starring for the Tigers.

This, for a former outfielder, is indeed, unique—but it is doubtful if Chapman will have as much success with the stuff against the rest of the league as he had with the light-hitting Braves. There have been any number of switches made in baseball in recent years—Bucky Walters' is the best known and the most successful—but they were usually made when the player was fairly young and somewhat near the peak of his physical ability.

Chapman is neither young nor in his physical prime and although he has been very successful in his minor league comeback on the mound he'll probably get the stuffings kicked out of his offerings the next few times out—unless, of course, the National League has slipped so much it is no better than the minor league Chapman played in until recently.

Short, Short Story

By PHIL GORDON

There must be easier ways of making a living than writing sports for the Daily Worker. I'm certain of it now. Take yesterday, for instance. Nat Low, the boss, yells out

"Hey, Gordon, write a piece on the Chicago Cubs. They make a wonderful copy these days."

I agreed fully on this last point. The Cubs have just won 11 straight. Climbing up all the way from the cellar to fourth place, they seem headed for second spot money. Their pitching is fine. The fielding is good. The hitting is excellent, especially Billy Nicholson. Jolly Cholly Grimm, the Cub pilot, has extracted the best from his men.

A very good story, indeed.

"But, boss," I questioned, "what about my disease, the whammies. I'll jinx them to death."

"Never mind that," he shot back. "Write that story and quickly. Deadline is 20 minutes away."

"But, boss," I protested, "you'll just louse them up."

Write that story, or you're fired.

I gave in. "Okay. But remember what happened to Elmer Riddle of the Reds. No sooner do I mention the fact that he had played five years without an error, then boom, he pulls one. And then . . ."

Write that story, or else.

I pleaded. "Remember the Rangers. Everytime I said they would win, they lost. Then when I gave up on them and said they would lose, they won. Then when they won, I send them orchids and wished them into the playoffs. Remember how they got those orchids in the dressing room that night, just after they lost by the most lopsided score in hockey history.

"I just can't do it to the Cubs. They're swell guys. I'm death on the typewriter."

"Take it easy, kid. We'll break you of this disease. And with the Cubs, too. They're a cinch to win the next seven in a row. Take my word for it."

What could I do. I gave in, and started to write nice things about this Chicago team. But I was sad inside.

In the middle of my laudatory article, Tasha, the copy girl, walked in. "Here's the first of those baseball scores."

"Pittsburgh 13, Chicago 5."

I quit.

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St. Louis 020 006 01x—9 9 1

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First game:

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12:00—WEAF—News Reports WOR—Beake Carter, News WJZ—Glamour Manor WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat WMCA—News; Recorded Music 12:15—WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNeils WOR—Jerry Wayne, Songs WABC—Big Sister 12:30—WEAF—U. S. Navy Band WOR—News; Juke Box Music WJZ—News; Farm Home Makers WABC—Helen Trent 12:45—WABC—Our Gal Sunday 1:00—WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride WOR—News; Jack Berch, Songs WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful WMCA—News; Recorded Music 1:15—WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show WABC—Ma Perkins 1:30—WOR—Loper Orchestra WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News 1:45—WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News WOR—American Woman's Jury WJZ—Housewives' Protective League WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00—WEAF—The Guiding Light WOR—Talk—Martha Deane WJZ—News; Walter Kierman WABC—Portia Faces Life WMCA—News; Recorded Music 2:15—WEAF—Today's Children WJZ—Housewives' Protective League WABC—Joyce Jordan 2:30—WEAF—Woman in White WOR—News; Talk—Jane Cowell WJZ—All-American Boys World Series Baseball Game, Polo Grounds WABC—Young Dr. Malone 2:45—WEAF—Hymns of All Churches WABC—Perry Mason 2:55—WQXR—News; Request Music 3:00—WEAF—A Woman of America WOR—Consumers Quiz WABC—Mary Marlin WMCA—News; Milt Greene, Songs 3:15—WEAF—Ma Perkins WOR—Bruce Hayes, Songs WABC—Tena and Tim WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby 3:30—WEAF—Pepper Young WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum WABC—News; John Daly WMCA—News; Waltz Music 3:45—WEAF—Right to Happiness WABC—The High Places

From the Press Box

Yanks Need Miracle; Dodger, Giant Stuf

by C. E. Dexter

The Yanks will be back in the Stadium Wednesday to start their home stay with a four-game series with the St. Louis Browns and the feeling around town is that the McCarthyites are out of the flag race.

This isn't mere speculation. The facts loom large—mostly when you glance at the standings and see New York languishing 7 1/2 games off the pace being set by the Browns. The Yanks may have lost the flag in Philly Saturday when they dropped a double header to the A's 2-1 and 2-0 while the Browns were taking the Indians 9-5.

Up until that twin bill the Bombers may have stood a good chance of nipping the St. Louisans in the stretch drive but now that seems to be a feat well beyond their powers—especially since the club has shown all the signs of falling into another teamwide batting slump.

Now counting yesterday's opening game victory, the Yanks had tallied exactly two runs in their last three games—and they weren't facing the greatest pitchers in the world, either. The McCarthyites' lack of consistency was best emphasized during these three games. Previous to them McCarthy's pitching seemed on the verge of collapse while the hitters were doing okay. Then, suddenly, the pitching perked up considerably—Hank Borowy, Ernie Bonham and Steve Roser hurling three nifties.

But while the staff was going through this rejuvenation the bat-

ters suddenly began to swing like the proverbial rusty gates and that was that.

For the Yanks to win their fifth flag in a row they will have to execute a miracle—and those days are gone forever, I'm told.

The Dodgers, by beating the Braves in Saturday's game, 8-7, ran their winning streak to two in a row—the first time they had won that many games in succession since the end of June. But the prosperity, which had temporarily pulled them out of the cellar, didn't last and yesterday the Braves rattled the walls of Ebbets Field for 10 runs in the seventh inning for a 14-4 victory.

P. S.—Branch Rickey did not pitch.

The Giants are making a gallant fight to get back into the first division. They knocked off the Phils Saturday night and again yesterday in the first game. The losses ran the Phillies' streak in reverse to 12 straight.

Harry Feldman had a shutout until the eighth inning yesterday, but two singles and a double by Mullin gave the Phils two runs and made the score 6-2.

Radio Concerts

6:15-6:40 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Nan Merriman, soprano; Max Hollender, violinist; Orchestra and Chorus conducted by H. L. Spitalny.

6:15-6:55 P.M. WLIR—Great Classics. 7:05-8 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Masterwork Hour.

8:30 P.M. WQXR (also FM)—Symphony Hall.

8:30-9 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Richard Crooks, tenor; and the Firestone

Symphony Orchestra conducted by Howard Barlow.

8:30-9:15 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Goldman Band at Central Park Mall.

9:30 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—James Melton, tenor; Donald Voorhees and Orchestra.

9:30-10 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Rose Bampton, soprano; Wilfred Peltier and orchestra, and Channing Pollack, commentator.

10:30-10:39 P.M. WQXR (also FM)—Musical Milestones.

8:55 WABC—Bill Henry, News.

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00 WEAF—James Melton, Tenor WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News WJZ—Counter-Spy WABC—Play Mayor of the Town, with Lionel Barrymore WMCA—News Reports

9:03 WMCN—Recorded Music 9:15 WOR—Screen Test 9:30 WEAF—Vacation Serenade WOR—Music of Worship WJZ—Spotlight Band WABC—Play—The Man Called X, with Herbert Marshall WMCA—Norman Jay, Talk 9:45 WMCA—Recorded Music 9:55 WJZ—Short Story 10:00 WEAF—Josephine Antoine, Songs WOR—Henry Gladstone, News WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing WMCA—News; Amateur Hour 10:15 WOR—Paul Schubert, News WJZ—From England: Ted Malone 10:30 WEAF—Dr. I. Q.—Quiz WOR—The Symphonette WJZ—Academy Award Theatre WABC—Johnny Morgan Show 11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music WJZ, WABC—News; Music WMCA—News; Talks; Music 11:30 WEAF—For the Record 12:00 WEAF, WMCA—News WJZ, WABC—News; Music

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Late Bulletins

GOP Reactionaries in Huddle To Knife Demobilization Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—A scuttling crew of reactionary Republicans and pollyax Democrats is mobilizing to wreck the Murray-Kilgore demobilization bill scheduled to come to the Senate floor on Tuesday. The bill, approved by the Military Affairs Committee and supported by labor and the National Farmers Union, provides unemployment benefits up to \$35 a week.

Leading the fight against the measure are Republican Senators Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia.

who see "dictatorship" over employment if the bill is passed.

In urging passage of the Murray-Kilgore measure, James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union suggested an amendment authorizing the government to spend any amount necessary to keep private investment and construction expenditures at a yearly minimum of \$40,000,000,000. "The money involved in this insurance is trifling compared to the money cost of the war or of production lost in a new depression," he said.

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Mayor Backs Permanent FEPC

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, in his weekly broadcast yesterday, warned New Yorkers to act swiftly to ensure passage of legislation to make the Fair Employment Practices Committee permanent. He told his listeners to write New York congressmen and senators urging them to bring the FEPC measure before Congress quickly for "if it is not enacted before Election, its chances of enactment after Election may be very slight."

Referring to Gen. Brehon Somervell's appeal for speedier war

production, the Mayor spoke forcefully against any strike or interruption of production now. "Our army is the best equipped, the best supplied army in the world," he said. "We must keep it well supplied and well equipped."

LaGuardia also recommended that housewives buy utility beef cuts which will be unrationed after Aug. 13 and asked them to cooperate with the War Food Administration by not seeking to buy heavy cream during the milk shortage period upon which the city is entering.

2,800 Planes Rip Nazi Bases

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Aug. 6 (UP).—About 1,800 U. S. heavy bombers from Britain and Italy, escorted by more than 1,000 fighters, razed German industry, oil stocks, airfields and submarine bases today in attacks on Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and Toulon and flying bomb installations in France.

Escorted by upwards of 750 Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings, 1,000 Eighth Air Force bombers attacked Berlin for the 13th time in daylight, aiming their bombs visually at the Diesel motor plant. They also attacked an aircraft engine plant at Genshagen, an armament works and bomber assembly

plant at Brandenburg, and an aircraft engine plant at Marienfelde, all in the Berlin area; oil refineries at Hamburg; the Salzwedel airfield near Magdeburg and port installations at Kiel, German naval headquarters city and submarine base.

Up from Italy came 750 more U. S. heavy bombers with fighter escort to bomb, with "good results," the submarine pens at Toulon, last attacked July 5; railroads at Miramas, 18 miles southeast of Arles; five bridges on the Arles-Lyon main line, oil installations at Le Pontent, the railyards at Valence, and oil storage dumps around Lyon and Valence.

List Rules for Yule Mailings

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (UP).—Christmas packages for army and navy personnel overseas must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 to assure that they will be delivered on time, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker reminded tonight.

Urging that more care be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely, and addressing them clearly and correctly, he suggested these mailing rules:

The address of the sender and addressee should be written inside the package as well as outside, to assure delivery in case the outside

wrapper is lost.

Containers made of metal, wood or fiberboard are preferable.

Parcels must not exceed five pounds, nor be more than 15 inches in length or 36 in length and girth combined.

"Christmas parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside.

One sender may mail no more than one parcel a week to the same addressee.

Perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials and anything that may damage other mail may not be sent. Sharp instruments must be carefully protected.

Yanks Down 20 Planes Over Romania

MOSCOW, Aug. 6 (UP).—American fighter planes destroyed 20 enemy planes in the air and four on the ground Friday in their attack on an enemy airfield at Foscani in Romania during a shuttle flight from Italy to U.S. bases in the Soviet Union, and shot up other targets on the ground, the Eastern Command of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces said today.

Six American planes were missing and the pilot of one was safe. Ground targets included three locomotives, a troop train, six anti-aircraft batteries, hangars, buildings and other military targets.

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This is how the battlefield west of St. Lo, France, looks from the air. The hedgerow fields, which hid Nazi guns and snipers, proved the toughest nut for Americans to crack. Note the truck marks of vehicles in the fields as the Yanks battled to break into the open.

'We Pledge to You, Mr. President...'

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The message sent by the Transport Workers Union local officials to President Roosevelt is given in full below.

Their message to the President was passed by a unanimous vote and signed by hundreds present. It reads:

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned are officers and shop stewards of Local 234 of the Transport Workers Union of America, the collective bargaining agency of the employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Company.

We wish to convey to you on behalf of these PTC workers our deep gratitude for your prompt actions in ordering the Army to suppress the conspiracy against the Nation's war effort and to pledge that we will do everything in our power to make up for the severe damage to war production and morale resulting from the events of the past five days.

Mr. President, let us assure you that the interruption of transportation service on PTC was not a strike. It was not a labor dispute. As the rank and file leaders intimately associated with the men and women of PTC, we can assure you that the vast majority of these workers are devoted, loyal and understanding Americans. They did not want any part of this plot, the national and local leaders of our union condemned this work stoppage. We are unqualifiedly against strikes or other interruption of work in war time. We are even more emphatic in our opposition to defiance of the policies and orders of our own government.

Most PTC workers uphold the American principles and progressive policies of the Transport Workers Union and of the Congress of Industrial Organizations with which we are affiliated. These events will strengthen the workers' adherence to CIO policies, because now they have seen with their own eyes that bigotry, race-discrimination and opposition to government orders lead to economic disaster and ultimately to treason.

Without question, the events in Philadelphia were the results of a plot conceived by sinister forces and executed by a small traitorous, company-

minded band in the ranks of the workers.

We trust that the investigation undertaken by the Department of Justice will be thorough and swift and that it will go right down to the roots of the conspiracy. This is necessary not only to punish those guilty, but also to ferret out individuals who may attempt to repeat such outrages in other key industries of this area or in other parts of the country.

With full awareness of the gravity of our statements, we trust also that the investigation will begin with the role of the management of PTC in conceiving this conspiracy and in its execution, unmistakable surface evidence points to collusion on the part of important company officials. The interruption of work could never have succeeded had not the management suddenly become extremely lenient towards the ring leaders and devoid of any initiative in coping with the crisis.

In many instances, company actions appeared to be designed to facilitate the extension of the walkout or to make it impossible to end it. Even after the U. S. Army took over, these signs of deliberate helplessness continued. Officials of this company are reputed to have strong connections in high places, but we know that your administration fights the enemies of the people and of the country's security no matter how highly placed. Accomplices in the ranks of the management, too, must be ferreted out. Individuals who are so blinded by a hatred of unions and are so unscrupulous as to toy with national disaster, are as dangerous as enemy agents.

Mr. President, now that Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes has invoked the full power of the law and the ring leaders of the insurrection have been apprehended, we are confident that we will not meet any insurmountable barriers. We will resume normal operation but more than that, we will increase and intensify our activities to enlist greater support for your policies to win the war and to establish a prosperous and lasting peace. We will become even more vigilant in our determination to cast from our midst all Axis agents and spreaders of division and confusion.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your prompt action and our assurances of continued whole-hearted support.

PINKY RANKIN
Entering THE COURTYARD
WHERE THE HOSTAGES ARE
TO BE SHOT, PINKY TAKES HIS
PLACE BEHIND THE MACHINE
GUN. THEN, HE SWINGS IT
AROUND, AND PULLING THE
TRIGGER, FIRES POINT BLANK
AT THE GROUP OF NAZI
OFFICERS!

